

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 46. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, February 20, 1863.

With a view to the more prompt and effective execution of so much of "General Orders," No. 191, of November 19, 1862, as relates to the collecting of paroled troops at the camps designated, the attention of Mustering and Disbursing Officers, and Recruiting Officers of the Regular Army, is again specially called to the provisions of "General Orders," No. 72, of June 28, 1862; and that it may be known what is done under these orders, the officers referred to will make, to the Superintendent of the Volunteer Recruiting Service in each State, tri-monthly reports of men collected and forwarded, and the Superintendents will make like reports to the Commissary General of Prisoners in this city, Col. W. Hoffman, 3d Infantry. These reports will not only give the numbers, but will also state the steps taken to carry out the order, with such suggestions as they may have to make to promote the object in view.

All stragglers from the army, whether paroled, exchanged, or otherwise, come within the reach of this order; and that none may be ignorant of it, officers charged with its execution will give it circulation in local newspapers, announcing at the same time that all absentees who fail to report within five days, will thereafter be considered deserters, for whom the usual reward will be paid on delivery.

At stations where it would be more convenient to do so, detachments will be sent direct to Camp Parole, at Annapolis, rather than to Elmira, N. Y.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

L. THOMAS,
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.